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via ECF & email

The Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr.  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square, Rm 435  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Chandrica Clarke*  
15 cr. 844(ALC)

Dear Judge Carter:

I have been assigned under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 USC § 3006A, to represent Chandrica Clarke in the above referenced matter. Ms. Clarke is scheduled to appear before Your Honor for arraignment on the above referenced indictment at 2:30 this afternoon. This is our first appearance before the Court.

I write respectfully to be relieved as counsel in this matter and that new CJA counsel be assigned. I have been informed by the Government that Mr. Clarke's case involves extensive discovery. I am currently scheduled to begin a six to eight week trial on February 1<sup>st</sup> before the Honorable Denise L. Cote in the matter of *United States v. Budovsky*, 13 cr 368. The *Budovsky* case involves massive discovery, and in light of my preparation for trial in that case, as well as, my current case load which involves other cases with voluminous discovery, I will not at this juncture be able to begin to review the discovery in Ms. Clarke's case and provide the attention to this case until perhaps April. It is, therefore, with deep regret that I ask the Court to assign new counsel. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Donna R. Newman

cc: AUSA David M. Abramowicz via email and ECF

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